

### REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the examination evidenced by the Official Action mailed March 23, 2009 (hereinafter the Action).

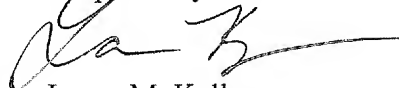
#### Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 100, 103, 105, 108, 110-137, 139, 140 and 145-147 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. *See* the Action, page 3. Claims 99, 101, 103, 104, 106-107, 109, 138, 141-144 and 148-153 stand rejected in the Action as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,034,316 to Hoover ("Hoover").

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has rewritten Claims 100 and 139 in independent form and has canceled Claims 99, 138 and 148-150. Minor amendments have been made to the dependent claims for consistency. Claims 101-137 and 151-152 depend from Claim 100 and Claims 140-147 and 153 depend from Claim 139, and are likewise allowable by virtue of their dependency from an allowed claim. Such amendments are made without disclaimer or prejudice to Applicant's right to file a divisional or continuation application directed to the previously presented subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 100-137, 139-147 and 151-153 are in condition for allowance as indicated in the Action, and allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at any time to discuss any issues related to the present matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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